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much larger quantities of air than would be required being already dealt with in other classes of work. Estimating a passenger train each way every 10 minutes, carrying 500 passengers, the amount of air required for each tunnel would be 45,000 cu. ft. per minute, travelling at the rate of a gentle breeze—viz., 6 ft. per second. The tunnels would be driven by shields, lined, and grouted outside. The iron segments would be filled in flush with concrete. The drainage heading would be driven with a mechanical cutter or an electrical digger, and an advance of 2½ per hour could be expected on this work. This heading would therefore take about four years to carry from one shore to the other. It would be about 11 ft. in diameter. The main tunnels could be carried forward at the same time as the drainage heading, or after the latter was completed. Plans, already got, provided for a station near Maxton, in the Borough of Dover, where there would be sort of sidings, &c. The station on the French side would be at Saugate. The whole would involve about 31 miles, and the work would be constructed from either side to the centre of the channel. The actual underwater tunnel length would be 24 miles. The cost of the British half of the undertaking was estimated at £8,000,000, including land, works, electrical plant, pumping, &c., station, sidings and signals, with allowance for administration and legal expenses, &c., and contingencies. A similar sum was estimated as necessary for the French half of the scheme.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

A beam in a chimney at No. 22, Street, caught fire last night. Fortunately the fire was noticed in time, and it was extinguished by the inmates of the house before any damage was done.

Mr. C. V. Koenig, manager of the Moutrie Hotel, has resigned from January 1, 1914. In a letter he said that the management of a large hotel in Japan was stated to be the reason for his departure.

The master of a licensed trading junk has reported to the water police that a large steam launch taken from the island of his vessel, doing damage to the extent of \$17.

It is stated that early next month the four torpedo boats stationed here will be superseded by a similar number of destroyers of the River class—the Colaba, Kinnab, Jid and Chelmer—which will come from the Mediterranean.

Mr. Craig, Secretary of the Hongkong Club, has reported to the police that during the last three weeks someone stole from the Club a pair of sleeve links, a pair of shoes, and sixty dollars in money, the property being altogether valued at \$60.

The following military appointments have been made: Lieut. L. Spencer, 8th Rajputs, to officiate as Adjutant, in addition to his other duties as Double Company Officer, vice Captain H. O. B. Wood, relieved; Lieut. J. O. Bettie, 8th Rajputs, to officiate as Quarter Master in addition to his other duties as Double Company Officer, vice Captain H. O. B. Wood, relieved; Captain H. O. B. Wood, 8th Rajputs, to officiate as Double Company Commander, in addition to his other duties as Double Company Officer, vice Captain S. L. Ralph, relieved.

Mrs. Irwin, the Hon. Secretary, and Mrs. Jordan, the Hon. Treasurer, of the Ministering Children's League, ask as to the Committee wish to thank Colonel Chapman and Officers of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps for kindly lending their hall and grounds for two days; Commander O'Leary, R.N., H.M.S. Tanager for efficient helpers and numerous flags; Mr. Kywack, P.W.D., for valuable work rendered in supervising the arrangements for stalls, &c.; Messrs. Lane, Crawford and Co., the Victoria Dispensary, A. S. Watson and Co., Kelly and Walsh, Moutrie & Co., Ung On, Sincere Co., Sun Co. Special thanks are due to Messrs. Naronha and Co. for doing all printing free of charge; also to Messrs. Weinmann and the Dairy Farm Co. for their generosity. Also to the Cinematograph Co. for their two most successful shows. Thanks are likewise due to the ladies who organised the clever plays done by the children and to all friends who helped to furnish and provide over the various stalls.

DIPHTHERIA—HOW IT MAY BE AVOIDED.

DIPHTHERIA is usually contracted when the child has a cold. The cold weakens the child's system for the reception and development of the diphtheria germ. When there are cases of diphtheria in the neighborhood children that have colds should be kept at home and off the street until recovered. Give them Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and they will not have to remain at home long. It also cleans out the culture, which form in a child's throat when it has a cold, and minimizes the risk of contracting infectious diseases. For sale by all Chemists and Druggists.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

A test of the range of the various infantry units in Hongkong will be held at King's Park Monday next.

The silk shipped from Hongkong by the Empress of India on the 24th September reached New York on the 22nd October.

Lieut. R. E. Brewster, R.A., has been appointed Superintendent of the Detention Barracks, vice Captain C. R. S. Brumley, R.G.A.

Notice is given by the Registrar of Hongkong University that Matriculation Examinations will be held on the following dates—December 13-20, 1913, and July 13-18, 1914. Particulars will be found in our advertising columns.

## THE OPIUM FARM.

We hear, on good authority, that about three months ago the Opium Farmer made an offer to the Government of \$1,750,000 per annum for the right to run the farm. The conditions were that the agreement could be cancelled at any time at two months' notice.

## \$4,055 WORTH OF CLOTHING.

It was recently reported to the police by a Chinese Director of the Po Wah Insurance Company living at Bonham Street that \$4,055 worth of clothing had been stolen from his premises. The police have succeeded in arresting a man, who was charged before Mr. Wood this morning with being implicated in the robbery. Mr. J. H. Gardener, solicitor, appeared to prosecute, and the case was adjourned for a week.

## SHARE QUOTATIONS FROM LONDON.

Mr. P. C. Pettit informs us that he received the following share quotations from London this morning:

	S	A	D.
Shell ("Beacons")	5	2	0
United Caspian	2	18	3
Eastern Eagle	2	3	9
Kailash	2	11	3
Troubadour	2	6	3
Pahanga	11	6	6
Lulus (combined)	8	10	0
Electric Trans	9	0	

## A PIRACY FRUSTRATED.

Early yesterday evening information was received by the police at West Point that an attempt was to be made to hold up the s.s. On Lee. The Central Detective Office was communicated with, and a number of officers were sent to search the vessel. On board they found two hundred Mauser pistols hidden in some boxes of flour, and two hundred rounds of ammunition were also discovered. The police were told that there were other arms on board, but although a thorough search was made, no further arms or ammunition were brought to light. It is evident that an attempt to pirate the ship was to be made in the usual manner by pirates shipping as passengers, and the timely warning probably saved a good deal of property from being robbed, as well as preventing a possible loss of life.

## "TWELFTH NIGHT."

## The Cast.

The following is the cast for the performances of "Twelfth Night" by the Hongkong Mummerettes:

Orsino, Duke of Illyria, Mr. W. H. Hastings  
Sebastian, brother to Viola, Mr. W. H. Hastings  
Viola, a sea-captain's friend to Sebastian, Mr. J. A. E. Ballock  
A sea-captain, friend to Viola, Mr. J. Robertson  
Jude, a gentleman, Mr. T. W. Hill  
Cario, the Duke, Mr. H. G. Jennison  
Sir Toby Belch, uncle to Olivia, Mr. M. S. Northcott  
Sir Andrew Aguecheek, Mr. L. N. Leefe  
Malvolio, steward to Olivia, Mr. E. Gordon Lowder  
Feste, a clown, Mr. M. M. Mass  
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Priest, Mr. R. P. Hay  
1st Officer, Mr. T. E. Budge  
2nd Officer, Mr. G. S. Archibald  
3rd Officer, Mr. H. W. Lester  
Olivia, Mr. C. H. P. Hay  
Maria, Mrs. P. H. Hay  
Viola, Mrs. W. H. Hastings  
Ladies in waiting—Madames Churchill, Crater, Hoskyns and Leafe.  
Pages—Messrs. W. Christmas, J. Craig, P. Day and W. Mac.  
Grooms—Messrs. P. V. Moorish, J. Foster, A. V. Scott, and S. W. Scott.  
Musicians—Under the control of Professor Gonzalez.  
Scene: A city in Illyria, and the sea-coast near it.

A PLAY BY MR. G. K. CHESTERTON.

The Little Theatre will be re-opened this month with a new play by Mr. G. K. Chesterton.

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## THE BUDGET DISCUSSION.

## GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS CRITICISED.

## To-Day's Legislative Council Meeting.

The Legislative Council met this afternoon, H.E. the Hon. Mr. Claud Savory, Officer Administering the Government presiding. There were also present:—H.E. the General Officer Commanding the Troops, Major General F. H. Kelly, C.B.

The Hon. Mr. A. M. THOMSON, Colonial Secretary.

The Hon. Mr. J. A. S. BUCKNILL, K.C., Attorney General.

The Hon. Mr. A. G. M. FLETCHER, Colonial Treasurer.

The Hon. Mr. W. CHATHAM, C.M.G., Director of Public Works.

The Hon. Mr. E. R. HALLIVAN, Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

The Hon. Mr. C. McF. MESSER, Captain Superintendent of Police.

The Hon. Mr. W. Y. YUK, C.M.G., Hon. Mr. E. A. HEWITT, C.M.G., The Hon. Mr. E. SHILLING.

The Hon. Mr. DAVID LANDALE.

The Hon. Mr. LAU CHU PAK.

Mr. R. H. CARTON, Clerk of Council.

THE COLONY'S MILITARY TAXES.

Hon. Mr. Hewitt moved the following resolution:

It is hereby resolved that in the opinion of this Council it is expedient that the Defence Contribution Ordinance 1901 be so amended as to provide that the dollars local currency (\$1,000,000) of this Council is it expedient that the "Defence Contribution Ordinance 1901" be so amended as to provide that the contribution in respect of any one year shall not exceed the sum of one million dollars local currency (\$1,000,000). He said that once a year the unofficial members had the privilege of discussing the estimates for the following year, and for many years past the most important item of the estimates had been the military contribution. He had proposed the resolution in order to try and get this excessive tax reduced. It was necessary, if they were to have any discussion to bring forward a special resolution. He had done so this year because he thought the time had arrived when they should enter as strong a protest as possible against the tax. There was a time when feeling on the matter was so strong that it was thought that they should not have any tax at all. No reasonable person in the Colony would object to contributing towards the upkeep of the garrison, but they objected to the excessive tax. At the present moment the revenue was \$4 million dollars. The estimated expenditure was somewhat over 104 million dollars—a considerable sum more—therefore they would have to draw upon reserves to balance the budget. An important item of the revenue was a tax they objected to, and hoped to see done away with; and that was the tax on liquor. That tax was enforced against the wish of the Government and the community, and unofficial representatives on the Council, but money had to be raised and they agreed to the tax. In order to balance the Budget they had to pay \$145,000 towards the military contribution. There was hardly a colony under the British flag which expended such sums of money. Situated as they were in the region of typhoons, they had to spend large sums on refugees for small craft. Every year the typhoons exacted a toll in expenditure for damage to houses, public gardens, trees, and for loss of life. Large sums also had to be expended to ensure a supply of water for the Colony, and there was also the great expense involved in obtaining building sites owing to the characteristics of the Colony, and said in view of these facts it was imperative that the Colony should have as much of its revenue as possible to spend upon itself. It was absolutely wrong of the Home Government to force the Colony against its will to this expenditure, and he doubted if anyone in the Colony with the exception of Sir Francis Mac would support it. He asked if the Commission appointed last Spring, to consider Overseas contributions and before which he gave evidence, had presented its report and if they had any reasonable ground to hope for relief under their report. Last year the Unofficial Members discussed this matter and brought it forward and they were now of the same opinion as then—that the contribution should not exceed one million dollars.

The Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk seconded the motion.

The Hon. Mr. David Landale in supporting it, said it was not the contribution towards the cost of military defences which they objected to, but the system under which the amount was assessed. He pointed out that the estimate of every public work undertaken by the Colony had to be increased by twenty per cent to cover this contribution. He thought such a system could not be defended upon any reasonable ground. There was another view of the matter which appeared to have been overlooked; every year there reached the Chancellor of the Exchequer a large sum of money indirectly from Hongkong in the form of income tax on profits of shipping companies made on account of the trade of the port by steamers registered in England, and on profits of manufacturers on goods sold in the Colony. The present might seem to some an inappropriate moment for the introduction of this question in view of the recent disturbances in China, but he did not think so. Recent additions to the garrison had not been altogether for the defence of Hongkong, but for the protection of British

trade in China, from which the British Government indirectly derived a large revenue, and the only return the British Government could make for this revenue from the trade of China was to grant a certain measure of protection by the forces of the Crown. Surely, he concluded, it could not be argued that they were not entitled to that protection.

His Excellency Mr. Claud Savory said that realising that the difficulty which had to be allocated for the defence contribution was so much greater than it was before he was not surprised that the Hon. Member had again brought this matter forward. On behalf of the Government he might say that this motion could not be accepted, as the Council had already been informed that the subject was being considered by the Imperial Government. Therefore it was not a matter upon which the Government was able to make any recommendation.

Hon. Mr. Hewitt said he presumed that there was no information regarding the report of the Committee mentioned.

His Excellency said he had no information.

The resolution was lost by seven votes to five, the official members voting against.

## FINANCIAL MINUTES.

The following recommendations for financial votes, made by His Excellency Mr. Claud Savory, were referred to the Finance Committee for consideration:—\$300 for the Botanical and Forestry Department, Forestry, New Territories, \$12,512 for the Sanitary Department and Public Works Department made up as follows:—Sanitary Department: temporary house allowances to sanitary inspectors, \$4,875; uniform for staff, \$312; Public Works Department: temporary house allowances to overseers and land bailiffs, \$7,225. \$3,450 for Public Works: Recurrent, maintenance of Praya Walls and Piers at Newmarket, \$250; extraordinary, Shamshipo, reclamation scheme to provide sites for houses displaced from old village, \$5,200. \$7,456 for Military expenditure, Volunteer equipments, \$800, Botanical and Forestry Department, maintenance of gardens and grounds, \$5,900 for Public Works: recurrent, maintenance of roads and bridges in City.

## PASSING OF BILLS.

The Attorney General moved the second reading of the bill to amend the Criminal Procedure Ordinance, 1899.

The Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak asked whether the passing of this Bill would mean the longer detention of persons awaiting trial.

The Attorney General said he did not think it would make any difference at all.

The Bill was read a third time and passed.

The following Bills were also read a third time, and passed.

An Ordinance to amend the Magistrates Ordinance, 1899.

An Ordinance to repeal the Sugar Convention Ordinance, 1904.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary moved the second reading of the Budget.

The Hon. the Colonial Treasurer seconded.

## THE BUDGET.

The Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewitt, in the course of his reply on behalf of the unofficial members to the Budget speech, spoke of the large amount spent on public buildings.

He would like, he said, that before long the rooms now let out on the top floor of the Post Office should be allocated to their proper use as Government offices.

The Unofficial Members endorsed the appointment of a senior cadet as assistant to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, which was a very important department.

They agreed to the erection of buildings for the lower grades of the Government service, but he did not think the Government should incur any expenditure in erecting permanent buildings for the opium staff, as the probability was that that monopoly would have to be wiped out before very long. The Unofficial Members were of opinion that Mr. Alabaster should receive some very substantial recognition of his great services in revising the Ordinances of the Colony. Turning to the question of the nursing staff of the Government hospitals, which had received the attention of the Unofficial Members, who had received representations from residents, the Hon. Member advocated the extension of the employment of trained nurses to supersede untrained hospital attendants and advocated the appointment of a small committee to consider the whole question of the appointment of nurses, their salaries and conditions and hours of work. Speaking of the proposed wireless station, he deprecated the delay in commencing the work, expressing the hope that the colony would not have to face another typhoon season without this important assistance. He was sorry he could not endorse the remark of the Hon. Colonial Treasurer that "there would be no undue delay" bearing in mind the fact that the money was voted a year ago. Turning to the gain estimates the speaker expressed the opinion that the time was not too late to remove the whole goal to a site away from the town, which was not so crowded and was more suitable. They would like a little more information concerning expenditure of \$46,000 by the Public Works Department on miscellaneous works. He deprecated the delay in the construction of the new reservoir, which he said would take years to fill when it was completed, and the happy-go-lucky methods generally of the Public Works Department, which had this construction in hand. "We get one more instance of this in the matter I have just referred to," he said, and continued "and as I have said on previous occasions if one of us attempted to carry on our work as this section of the government work is carried on we should be in the Bankruptcy Court before very long." They welcomed the construction of roads in the New Territories for commercial, military and other reasons. The Hon. Member then criticised the condition of the "Finest site" which the Unofficial Hon. Members were strongly of opinion should never be sold, but should be reserved for a government building, which would be sure to be wanted sooner or later. He thought nobody outside the Public Works Dept. would endorse the statement that during the year the roads of the Colony had been kept in good order. Many of the main roads on the lower levels were in a deplorable condition. Speaking generally of the public works, he would repeat what he had said on more than one occasion, and with the consent of his colleagues, that the works were far from satisfactory. He knew that what he said on the subject would call for a great deal of criticism and

would receive scant consideration and probably be forgotten. But he would assure them that after many years' experience of the colony and watching it grow not only the unofficial members, but the general consensus of opinion outside the Government offices was that there was room for radical reforms. They got up year after year and criticised, and the Hon. Gentleman opposite (Hon. Mr. W. Chatham) would make remarks, neither convincing nor satisfactory. The Department went on in the same slipshod way. He could not too strongly impress upon His Excellency that in speaking as he did he had the whole colony at his back; there was no mistake about that. In order to improve the satisfactory working of the Department more use might be made of the Public Works Committee. It would be more businesslike if a great deal of the works were done by short loans. With regard to the Post Office the only point he had to say was not so much concerning the Government, but which concerned the business people. He alluded to the unsatisfactory and irregular manner in which the Siberian mails arrived. He did not know where the fault was, but he hoped that the Government would make representations, and call attention to improvements which might be made in this important service. With regard to the Kowloon-Canton Railway, they hoped that the Government would make representations in the proper quarter urging the building of the line from Canton to Wuchang. Until that was done, their line could not be expected to pay.

Criticism and questions by the Hon. Mr. Shilling and Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak and the replies by His Excellency and Official Members are held over till tomorrow.

## MR. H. G. WELLS AND MR. SHAW'S NEW PLAY.

After attending a performance of Mr. Shaw's new play at the St. James's Theatre with his children, Mr. H. G. Wells said to a Press representative:—"Androcles and the Lion" is the only decent representation of Christianity I have known on the stage. That is why I took my children to see it, and I go so far as to say that it is the duty of every parent to use this opportunity of making his children acquainted with a great epoch. The children were delighted with it. Their admiration for Ferrivius was unbounded; Androcles and his whole-hearted sympathies, and they worshipped the Lion.

"There has not been a play for years with such invention; I was just as delighted as the children. There is an astounding freshness about it. The Barker method of presenting such plays is particularly happy. It is convincing and very beautiful. It does not attempt that realism which so often stifles the imagination. Androcles and the Lion" is the only play for children at present in London.

## "CERTIFICATED BRIDES."

GENEVA, Sept. 23. The Society of Public Utility for Women, which has branches in all the chief Swiss towns, started a campaign last year on now and during lines. They demanded that young women before marriage should be medically examined to prove that they were "fit subjects" to marry. The society urged young women to undergo the ordeal for the sake of themselves, their future husbands, and for their country.

At present the society hopes only to make the measure voluntary, but it is trying to interest the Cantonal authorities in the near future. Many girls have already declared the advice of the society, and will, thus become "certificated brides."

## THE NEW LORD DE FREYNE.

Serving as Sergeant in the United States Army.

New York, Sept. 23. The Hon. Arthur French, who has just succeeded to the title of Lord De Freyne on the death of his father, is sergeant of Company A of the 8th Infantry Regiment of the United States Army, now stationed in the Philippines. The new Lord De Freyne is serving his fourth term of enlistment, and is endorsed on the books of the War Department as "Good soldier."

He can purchase his discharge for \$216. If he were serving in the United States the price would be \$25. The difference is the cost of transportation from Manila to America.

## MR. W. T. STEAD'S "RETURN."

An account of the "reappearance" of the late Mr. W. T. Stead is given in his biography, written by his daughter, Miss Estelle W. Stead, and just published by Mr. Hutchinson. The place of the "return" is the famous Julia's Bureau, which Mr. Stead founded.

Three weeks after his passing, he came to the Upper Room in the Inner Sanctuary of Julia's Bureau. Clearly he showed his face that all might see, and as it faded into the darkness his voice rang through the room and he spoke, saying, "All I told you is true."

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